



Dear Parents/Carers

This has been an incredibly successful week. Monday was poignantly marked with our two minute silence as part of remembrance with students who belong to groups including police cadets, CCF, RAF cadets and St Johns Ambulance all proudly wearing their uniform with pride. Mr Beukes has led assemblies all week commemorating those who fought and lost their lives to provide us with our freedom. We continued with this theme on Tuesday with our very first Passing out Parade for our CCF core. I, along with many parents proudly watched as the students were addressed by Major Andrew Wright who was a former student of Brakenhale School, it was a very emotional afternoon and the students did brilliantly. Myself along with Karen Roche Chair of Governors and Major Wright officially presented the students with their green berets. This weekend the CCF student core along with the incredibly committed staff Mr Briggs, Mr Beukes, Mr Kingston, Miss Burrows, Miss Manning and Mr Bury will be camping out and putting their learnt survival skills to the test. They are definitely braver than I!

Tuesday also saw our Year 11 parents gather for the second of our Information Evenings to prepare them and students for the upcoming examinations. The hall was packed and this year for the first time we have been able to procure revision guides for every subject for every student and these were passed out at the end of the session. Everybody left motivated and prepared for the next stage of their studies.

On Monday and Tuesday our A Level Geography students were accompanied by Mr Cooper on a field trip to Bracknell Town Centre as the Post 16 students continue to focus heavily on their studies and at the same time show great commitment with their community work. A big shout out to our Sixth Formers who superbly officiated the Year 8 Boys English Schools FA Cup, we received some great feedback - well done!

Thursday we held our first ever fundraising clothes sale which was a huge success! Karen Roche, Chair of Governors and her husband, along with many other volunteers sold a range of designer clothes that had been donated by friends and family. The total raised we believe may top £1,000 a fantastic achievement!! Thank you to all who helped and supported.

Lower school students continue to impress and a big well done to the following students who took part in the poetry competition 'Through these eyes' and have been declared the winners:

1. Eleonora Kryekurti-Chinigo = 7A Swinley
2. Malachi Smith = 8B Farley
3. Kayla Elliott = 8E Jennetts
4. Luke Thompson = 10R Farley

Student of the week:

Ella Maynard Year 9 - who recently took part in a UK Dance Challenge. Along with her partner she won 4th place in the under 14 intermediate category. Well done Ella!!

Hope Lane Year 9 - for winning Gold in sparring in the UK open championship - an amazing accolade!

Fab Feedback

- Oakwood - Year 7 - We did really enjoy having Brakenhale with us and after speaking to the instructors they just felt that the children were engaged and even those who had been reluctant pushed themselves to take part. Every single child had a go at everything and we can't ask for anymore than that!
- The teachers are really kind and the amount of house points being awarded is great!
- The assessment manifesto for Year 11s is going to be so helpful!
- What an awesome afternoon! My students absolutely loved it and couldn't stop talking about it afterwards. Tell your students they've done a fab job - (Wildridings Sports Teacher).
- Just wanted to pop a note to all of you to say thank you for all the extra time, effort and support you give to the children, it is much appreciated. Please extend this to all your support team 😊

Drab:

There doesn't seem to be much available at lunchtime once the Year 7s have been. The last 3 days there have been no paninis available only cookies. It doesn't seem right. Please could you look into this for me. Thank you.

I will pass this comment on to the kitchen. I can confirm, however, that there is always a range of meals available throughout the lunch service.

Is it just me or are other parents getting fed up with the lack of notice? My daughter has been told that it was mentioned by one of her teachers that we have a parents' evening coming up in a few weeks but nothing has been said to the parents. Some people might need to arrange to have a few hours off work to attend. It is the same with school trips. I get an email saying that there is a school trip in 2 weeks and can I pay £38 for my child to go. £38 might not seem like a lot of money but this close to Christmas is ridiculous. Surely you've known about the trip for longer than 2 weeks? Every school trip has been the same. Please give us parents more notice.

All parents' evenings are published on the website. With regard to trips I totally understand your frustration and I will discuss this with the member of staff in charge. On occasion we get last minute opportunities but I can understand that this can cause problems.

Behaviour points being added over the weekend. I praised my son for going a week without any and then they are added at gone 6pm on a Saturday evening. This is not the first time either.

Apologies, I will remind staff again not to do this.

The house scarves are really poor money for value - a bit of fleece like that with already ragged edges one can buy for £1 - can we please get better quality if we have to buy branded things for lots of £££.

I am very sorry to hear this, I have checked a number of them and the quality is good. Please can you bring in your scarf so that I can exchange it for you.

NB Hegarty maths - *Most parents are in support of Hegarty maths, however, I understand that some people are having issues. If you are still having issues please contact the Head of Maths, directly cthomas@brakenhale.co.uk*

Staff member of the week:

Mrs Lewis She is very nice to my class in English and she even gave us a book as an early Christmas present and the book is really cool!

Mrs Coley For the support and encouragement Mrs Coley offered to a student during the CCF passing out parade. Great job!

Quote of the week:

Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

w/c Monday 18th November

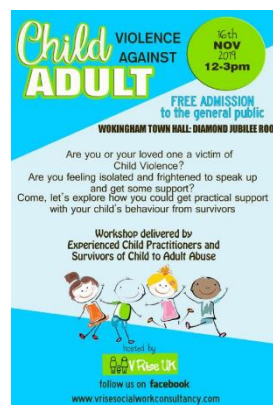
Thursday 21st November

Friday 22nd November

Year 10 & 11 PPE Exams

Year 13 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day



Fundraising



Please click here to see our fundraising video on YouTube: [Brakenhale Unlocking Potential Fundraising Video](#)

Please click here to see our BBC News film: [Brakenhale School on BBC News](#)

New fundraising page: [Virginmoneygiving](#)

Brakenhale's all-things fundraising/new build webpage: <https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/new-build/>

Parents' Evenings 2019-20

Thursday 21 st November	Year 13 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 28 th November	Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 5 th December	Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 23 rd January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (X), 4-7pm
Tuesday 28 th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (Y), 4-7pm
Thursday 27 th February	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 3-7pm (tbc)
Thursday 26 th March	Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

<https://brakenhaleschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>



Sexual Health Awareness & Guidance Drop-ins

Bracknell Forest Youth Service are in school weekly to provide drop-in sessions (no appointment needed) offering confidential help and advice about sexual health.

They are currently held in S02 on Monday lunchtimes.



Considerate Parking Reminder

Could we please remind parents to park considerately when dropping their children off at school or collecting them at the end of the day.

Safeguarding and the School Site

#keepingchildrensafe

We would like to remind you that Parents/Carers must only enter the school building via Main Reception which is open from 8am-5pm.

We have had a number of incidences where Parents/Carers have come onto site via the Coningsby gate and walked directly into the school buildings. This is a safeguarding issue and in order to protect our staff and students we would respectfully ask that you only use the main entrance.

Cake Sale for Farley House

Thank you to everyone who supported the Farley House Cake Sale on Thursday. We made a whopping £70.58. This is going towards a house flag ready for inter house competitions!

A massive shout out and thanks needs to go to everyone who donated cakes as well as help sell them on the day: Mya, Sonya, Georgia, Kellie, Alice, Izzy and Hristina, together with Ms Marshall and Mrs McCrorie.



Miss Willimott, Head of Farley House

New Building and Move Update

Lockers

Could we please ask parents and students to ensure that all school lockers are completely emptied of all personal belongings by **Tuesday 10th December 2019**. New lockers in the new building will be allocated during the first few weeks of the Spring Term. Any items left in lockers after the 10th December will be disposed of.

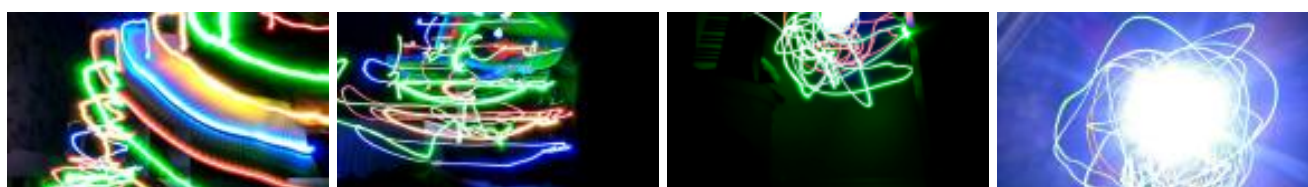


Camera Club Update

Camera Club went with a bang (and some whistles and lights) this week as we had lots of lovely photographs of fireworks! Amber W (Year 7), Bethia P and Oliver M (Year 8) captured some lovely images from the firework displays they attended this last weekend. Fireworks can be really tricky to photograph so they did an excellent job as I am sure you will agree.



Rachel S in Year 11 created her own 'firework' displays by doing some light painting; this is where you use coloured lights in the dark and create patterns and pictures. Rachel is exploring colour as part of her Year 11 GCSE Photography project so not only did she fulfil the Camera Club brief but she also has some great images for her coursework.



Taylor P in Year 8 submitted this gorgeous autumnal scene, which although did not fit our brief this week, it is too beautiful to leave out.

The challenge for this week is to photograph food - this was an overwhelming choice from everyone in Camera Club so I am expecting lots of mouth-watering photographs next week. As always Camera Club is on a Monday lunchtime in B17 and all years are welcome.

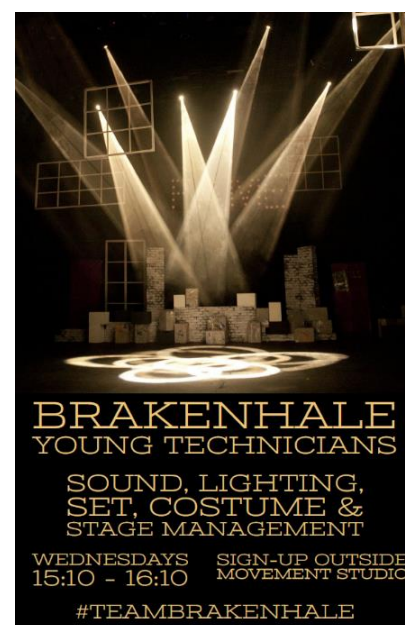
Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art & Photography



Performing Arts

Extra Curricular Dance Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Closed
Lunch time	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	Open for rehearsals all years	Year 9 -13 rehearsals	DARK MATTER
After School 3:05 MS	STREET C⁰. (MS) Charley, Tiegan, Dani & Macey Open to all years DARK MATTER (JNS) Dance Company & Lauren	DANCE CLUB (MS) Mrs Duffy & Emily Open to Year 7		AURORA Dance Company (JNS) Mrs Duffy & Ellie Open to Year 9 and invite only Year 8	Free fall Dance Company (MS) Mrs Duffy Year 10 - 13 Dance <i>Starts 29th of November</i>



Poetry Competition Winners

Through These Eyes: Challenge – to write a poem from someone or something’s perspective...



<p style="font-size: small;">Through These Eyes Poetry Competition November 2019</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Machines are my foe</u></p> <p>Everywhere I run, But it's not for fun. I see machines invade, and I see my home now gone. Trees tumble, Ground rumble, Home crumble.</p> <p>I can no longer see my friends.</p> <p>A cloud of dust chokes me, and as it slowly disappears, I see something come true, which are all my fears.</p> <p>I don't know where to go, those machines are my foe, and now my eyes fill up with tears.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>By Eleonora Kryekurti-Chinigo, 7A</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">Winner</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">Through These Eyes Poetry Competition November 2019</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Through These Eyes – Malachi Smith, 8B</u></p> <p>There once was a man named Rick Who asked me to write a limerick From his perspective So that's my objective (Though for my work he's usually a sceptic!)</p> <p>At 8 in the morning I yawn and stretch But the smell from my cat makes me want to retch So I clean out his litter Full of smelly brown glitter And try to ignore the lingering stench...</p> <p>By a quarter past I tried to have breakfast But all my bowls do is sit there and collect dust And the dog needs feeding And my rabbit's nose is bleeding So, as always, I need to put them first</p> <p>Finally, I have to go to work To my job as a mere store clerk At my friends shop (Nowhere near the top) 9 to 5 there and now I'm berserk!</p> <p>I have way too many pets Spend a lot of time at the vets I got one or two Then quite a few Now all I have are regrets!</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">Winner</p>
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<p style="font-size: small;">Through These Eyes Poetry Competition November 2019</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>It's called Life</u></p> <p>You start young You end old It's called life</p> <p>Achievements achieved Growing up you learn all you need to know Growing old teaching the young It's called life</p> <p>Being a child Having a child Like déjà vu It's called life</p> <p>Difference experiences to have More yet to come All so much fun It's called life</p> <p>You start young You end old It's called life</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>By Kayla Elliot, 8E</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">Winner</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">Through These Eyes Poetry Competition November 2019</p> <p>I am of little description, but I behold the countenance of man In a perfect reflected image, I know their fears and thoughts, Their many lies and fibbage</p> <p>“Im no good” “this isnt me” I’m the counselor for consciousness, No judging, no one to see Your inner struggle, never free</p> <p>No one is safe from public eye I’m the enabler for worldwide depression, And never ending suppression For who they want to be, The inner person in many</p> <p>This is the problem with me</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Luke Thompson, 10R</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">Winner</p>
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PE Update

This week has been another busy week for the PE department.

Berkshire Inspire Academy

Last Friday 6 Year 10s went off to Theale Green in Reading for the Berkshire Inspire Academy. The Berkshire Inspire Academy Programme is all about learning new skills as a leader and putting these into practice. During the day they took advice from Olympian Toby Garre, who gave an inspiring speech at the start of the day. The 6 students will now use what they have learnt on this day and develop a sports club within school. There will be more details to follow. They are also going to be involved with the Berkshire School Games towards the end of the year. All 6 students worked incredibly hard during the day and were a real asset to Brakenhale. I look forward to working with them over the next year.



6th Form County Cup Football 1st Round

The boys from the 6th Form all 18 man Squad did the school proud against a very useful Willilink School. The boys arrived and set themselves up whilst Mr Maye was teaching and upon his arrival the boys set about organising themselves into the starting line up and other responsibilities.

The game got underway and an early chance for Brakenhale caught Willilink cold and we could have been 1-0 early on. After that scare the away team got the ball down and began to have a bit of possession but the boys in maroon were working hard to frustrate them. With that Willilink made a couple of mistakes and we soon found ourselves 2-0 up with an own goal and a Lester header. This sparked Willilink into action and for the rest of the half wave after wave of attacks came and went and these were very well controlled by Michael Adams in goal. We held firm until the very last minute when another attack found us out and the visitors got back to 2-1.

Second half started with light fading and Willilink tails up started where they left off, lots of possession but matched by Brakenhale grit and determination to keep them out and maintain the lead! A few scares with the ball in our box a lot and set piece after set piece meant it was nervous times until 2 minutes from the light going completely and Mr Mayes whistle blowing a jinking run from Lester and a smart left foot finish for his second goal sent the very large crowd that had come down into lots of cheers! And straight from kick off the whistle went for a hard fought well deserved win for us!!

Well done to all involved and to those who also did not get any game time. Next up another Home game to a very Strong John Mdjaski Academy in Reading.

Netball

On Tuesday we saw the first netball game of this half term and it was the Year 7s. We travelled to Garth with a squad of 9 students which is brilliant to have a squad. As soon as we got there the students were really professional and started to warm up as a team, and this teamwork consisted throughout the game. There was lots of cheering on from the side of the game. Our passing and tactics developed throughout the game. There were some also lovely interceptions, but we just could not stop Edgbarrow from getting the ball in their circle. Well done to Codie for achieving player of the match from the Edgbarrow students and Abigail from the Edgbarrow teacher. Well Done to everyone that played and I look forward to seeing you all at training, ready to prepare for the next game.

Cross Country and 6th Form v Staff netball match have not taken place at the time of writing so look out for next week's Parent News for the results.



Getting more out of PE at Brakenhale this winter...

With the cold weather coming in, here is how to get the best out of PE at Brakenhale this winter.

Mr Potter's top tips for PE...

- Wear PE tracksuit bottoms/leggings rather than PE shorts/skorts
- Wear your PE jumper on top of your PE shirt as an extra layer
- Put a plain t shirt (black or white) or vest under your PE shirt for another extra layer
- If you have a skin/thermal style top, these can be worn if black or white only
- Bring a pair of gloves to keep your hands warm
- Ensure your socks are correct (PE socks - long knee socks or white sports socks) and don't wear your black school socks for PE as your feet will get cold as they are thin
- Keep active as soon as you are changed and get to your lesson - start warm ups and dynamic stretches to keep moving and keep warm - plus it will impress your teacher

Due to health and safety, we do not allow full outdoor coats, PE/Brakenhale hoodies, scarves, snoods or beanies to be worn in PE

Being in the outdoors all year round is a brilliant thing, but we do understand that the weather can be tough on students, that is why it is key to get students adequately prepared for the lesson.

If for whatever reason a lesson cannot go ahead due to inclement weather, there is a pre planned indoor space for students to be taught in, by their PE teacher. This will be the sports hall or trampoline centre.


Many thanks and I look forward to seeing your children continue to be active throughout the winter months.

Fixtures for next week

Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
21.11.19	7	Rugby	Tournament	Reading Blue Coats	9am – 3.30pm	JBO

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see below the extra-curricular timetable for half term 2. Please make sure students look at what we have to offer. All they need to do is just turn up after school and get changed. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Half Term 2 - 2019-2020	LUNCH (1300-1330 1315-1345) Trainers only needed to participate	Table Tennis All Years Sports Hall FGR		Indoor Cricket All Years Sports Hall MPO	GCSE PE Revision Year 11 C21 MPO
AFTER SCHOOL (1505-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm for Trampolining***	No clubs due to staff meetings	Handball (Mixed) All years Sports hall JBO Netball (Girls) All years Sports hall/courts LWI/LRU Year 7 Football (Mixed) Astro MPO	Rugby (Girls) All years Field FMA Badminton (Mixed) All years Sports Hall CPI 3.30pm start Trampolining (Mixed) All years Trampoline Centre JBO/CMY	Basketball (Mixed) All years Sports hall MPO Football (Yr 8 and 10 INVITE ONLY) CMY Boxing/Fitness (Boys) All years Gym ABI 3.30pm start	P6 PE Exam Course Study Sessions BTEC L2 and L3 catch up (Y10-13) GCSE Revision (YR 10) A Level PE Revision (Y13) Your PE teacher/s will confirm these sessions, if they apply to you.
<p>Sessions may be postponed on a weekly basis due to staff meetings which take place in line with the school calendar – please check the school weekly bulletin to confirm on a weekly basis. All of these sessions are open, with all students in the listed year groups welcome. AM Sessions are only for certain students (KS4&5) and only certain mornings – please draw this to their attention</p>					

ME in PE Assessment criteria: Autumn Term

'ME in PE'

	PHYSICAL
1	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in an isolated situation
2	Works in lesson to show effects of short term exercise on the body
3	Takes part in a tactical scenario set up and delivered by the teacher
4	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in an isolated situation
5	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a conditioned situation
6	Works in lesson to show effects of steady state exercise on the body
7	Takes part in a tactical scenario taught by the teacher
8	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a conditioned situation
9	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a fully competitive situation
10	Works in lesson to show the effects of long term exercise on the body
11	Sets up and takes part in a tactical scenario on own
12	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a fully competitive situation

'ME in PE'

	SOCIAL
1	Independently gets changed in the changing rooms and takes care of personal belongings
2	Communicates effectively with class teacher
3	Communicates effectively with a single peer (verbally)
4	Communicates effectively with a small group of peers (verbally)
5	Works well on a 1-2-1 basis with others
6	Works well in a small group
7	Works well as part of the whole PE group
8	Communicates effectively with the whole class (verbally)
9	Engages and participates in situations with familiar peers
10	Deals with and manages situations with familiar peers
11	Engages and participates in situations with non-familiar peers
12	Can deal with and manage situations with non-familiar peers

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

ESTEEM

Mental Health

Managing feelings, emotions and mental wellbeing can be challenging for anyone. So, whether you are up, down or going round and round, why not come and meet up for a chat about how you're feeling; doing, or anything else you want to share.

Talk is cheap, but the rewards are priceless!

EVERY THURSDAY @ 1.30PM

SF14

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

BE PART OF THE ROYALS FAMILY

SCHOOLS & GRASSROOTS TICKETING SCHEME

BRACKENHOLE FOOTBALL CLUB EST. 1871

BRACKENHALE

BRACKENHALE has teamed up with Reading FC to bring you the magic of football and matchdays with special ticket prices starting from as low as £2 per person. Buy your ticket and enjoy a day at Madejski Stadium.

What's more, by purchasing a ticket through this scheme, your School will receive 25% cashback, and be in with a chance to win:

- A player visit for your School
- An invitation to an exclusive Meet the Players Evening
- Signed merchandise and lots more

OUR FIXTURES

LUTON TOWN Sat 9 th Nov, 3pm Booking deadline: Thu 7 th Nov, 3pm Coupon code: BHS-1920-1
DERBY COUNTY Sat 21 st Dec, 3pm Booking deadline: Thu 19 th Dec, 3pm Coupon code: BHS-1920-2
NOTTINGHAM FOREST Sat 11 th Jan, 3pm Booking deadline: Thu 8 th Jan, 3pm Coupon code: BHS-1920-3
BRENTFORD Sat 21 st Mar, 3pm Booking deadline: Thu 19 th Mar, 3pm Coupon code: BHS-1920-4
SWANSEA CITY Sat 2 nd May, 12:30pm Booking deadline: Thu 30 th Apr, 3pm Coupon code: BHS-1920-5

TICKET PRICES per person

Adults	£15
65 and over	£10
18-24	£8
17 and Under	£5
12 and Under	£2

TO BUY

Visit ticketing.readingfc.co.uk and enter the coupon code at checkout to redeem the offer and secure your ticket

Contact our Ticket Office on 0118 968 1313

Please ensure you buy before the listed deadline

*Picture and dates subject to change and availability respectively. Tickets apply. Seating available in the Emmons-Dolan Family stand.



Attendance

We believe that high attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members of the school community, involved not only in lessons but also in the extra-curricular activities that are so important to their wellbeing. Students can keep track of their attendance in their planner.

Attendance Matters...

Week Ending 8th November 2019

Period 04/09/19 - 08/11/19

Year Group	%
Year 7	97.3 %
Year 8	95.1 %
Year 9	94.2 %
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Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer

Christmas Jumper Day for Charity

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term Friday 13th December. The charity we are raising money for is Daisy's Dream.

Students will be able to take part for a £1 donation but larger donations are always welcome.

Many thanks to Alex Elsey in Year 12 for designing our poster.

Thanks for your support.



Feedback Initiative

We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at any time, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

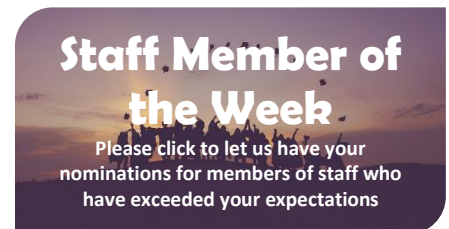
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Lost Property

Have you lost something? Don't forget...



Email :

Email us on the address below and we will endeavour to locate the item and return it to you as soon as possible. We have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property and she will do her best to help.

lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

Please make sure your items are named so that we can return them promptly.

Brakenhale School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners.

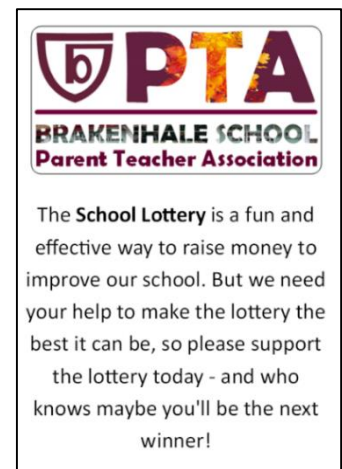
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.

Click on the link today and join up:
[Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.



Easy Fundraising

With easyfundraising.org.uk you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny!

When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website easyfundraising.org.uk - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).



Events and Notices

BRAKENHALE SCHOOL
High Expectations and Challenge



Weekend Astro Pitch Deal



Brakenhale School would like to offer local sports clubs reduced weekend rates on our sand filled astro pitch. We offer Half and Full pitch rentals
Please Contact:
apecock@brakenhale.co.uk
to find out more!

NOS National Online Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?
- Do you have any online friends?
- Do you know where to go for help?
- Do you know what your personal information is?
- Do you know your limits?

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
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Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Thursday 28th November

Thursday 5th December

w/c Monday 9th December

Friday 13th December

Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

Year 12 Parents' Evening

House Assemblies

Last day of Autumn Term



Geography Teacher
 Performing Arts Teacher
 Maths Teacher
 Head of Geography
 Music Teacher
 Crown Wood: Caretaker

Please visit our website for more details:
<https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

Term Dates

Term Dates 2019-20

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Wednesday 4th September to Friday 13th December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Last day of Autumn Term for students – Friday 13th December

(Inset Day: Monday 16th December)

Christmas Holiday: Tuesday 17th December to Wednesday 8th January 2020 *

**Extra school closure days in December and January for the transition into the new building*

SPRING TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Thursday 9th January to Friday 3rd April

Spring Half Term – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Last day of Spring Term for students – Friday 3rd April

Easter Holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

(Good Friday 10th April, Easter Monday 13th April)

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term dates for students:

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July

Summer Half Term – Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

(Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 17th July

(Inset Days: Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July)

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>



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